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MALLEABLE SHAFT
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated
9 March 2000 concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 44 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims.

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(Amended) A surgical clamp comprising:

an elongate, one-piece, malleable hollow shaft including a distal end and
a proximal end;

a tissue clamp assembly including first and second movable opposable
jaws mounted at the distal end adapted to grasp, secure and occlude body tissue and

conduits;

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